

Senate Resolution 8

By: Senator Tarver of the 22nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. John S. Warner on his retirement; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. John S. Warner began his career with the State of Georgia in August, 1977,
3 at the Gracewood State School and Hospital, providing behavioral support services to
4 enhance the quality of life for the developmentally disabled residents; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Warner served as a Behavioral Specialist at Gracewood State School and
6 Hospital from 1977 through 1982, performing intellectual and behavioral assessments of
7 intellectually and developmentally disabled persons in order to enhance the residents'
8 adaptive living skills; and

9 WHEREAS, from 1982 through 1988, Mr. Warner was the Mental Health and Mental
10 Retardation Coordinator at the Community Mental Health Center of East Central Georgia,
11 where he provided intensive case management to individuals with complex behavioral and
12 health needs in order to maximize their functioning in their community; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1988, Mr. Warner was named the Assistant Area Director of the Community
14 Mental Health Center of East Central Georgia, a position in which he managed the provision
15 of behavioral health and developmental disabilities services, developed early intervention
16 services for developmentally disabled children, and designed and implemented the first
17 continuum of child and adolescent mental health services in Georgia; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1994, Mr. Warner went on to serve as the Executive Director of the
19 Community Service Board of East Central Georgia, overseeing the provision of all mental
20 health and developmental disabilities services in a seven-county catchment area, managing
21 an agency with over 400 employees and an annual operating budget of \$18 million, and
22 guiding the agency to achieve its first accreditation by the Joint Commission; and

23 WHEREAS, from 1999 through 2003, he served as a Mental Health Team Leader and
24 Quality Management Director at Gracewood State School and Hospital, overseeing
25 accreditation requirements; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Warner has served in several positions in the past six years, currently
27 serving as Regional Services Administrator of the Region 2 Mental Health, Developmental
28 Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases office, ensuring 39 county providers are dispensing
29 quality care and efficient service and act in compliance with regulatory standards; and

30 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
31 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the mental health
32 community have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
34 recognize Mr. John S. Warner for his outstanding career and commend him for his years of
35 service to the State of Georgia.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
37 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. John S. Warner.